past five years, upto end-December, 1990, there were seven instances of equipment failure which resulted in breakdown maintenance of more than one month duration each in the two units of the Madras Atomic Power Station.

(b) The approximate loss of electricity generation during the above period, assuming normative leavels of operation, is about 3150 Million Units in both the units put together.

Reforms proposed by Standing Conference for Public Enterprises

330. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item entitled 'SCOPE proposes offering PSUs shares to Public' published in daily Economic Times, New Delhi, dated 30th January, 1991, wherein it has been mentioned that the Standing Conference for Public Enterprises (SCOPE) has proposed that the public sector undertakings be allowed to offer their share to public, replace the existing multi-layer decision making process of investment proposals, repeal the statutory requirement of audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and increasingly resort to self-vigilance instead of the present mode of formation of Vigilance Committees;

(b) if so, what is Government's reac tion on the package of reforms proposed by SCOPE to make the public sector, performance oriented;

(c) whether SCOPE has also categori sed its suggestions into two broad groups (i) to build confidence amongst PSU management and (ii) to provide structural requirements; and

(d) if so, what is the time schedule fixed for introduction of measures to restore confidence and 'for provision of structural readjustment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d) Various proposals made by the Standing Conference on Public Enterprises (SCOPE) are under the consideration of the Government.

Vacancies in various departments of Delhi Administration

331. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies in Group D posts in various departments of Delhi Administration are lying vacant i.e. Chowkidars in L.N.J.P. Hospital and Pant Hospital, Mali & Chowkidars in Education Department;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been awaiting since long;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in holding interviews of the eligible candidates; and

(d) what is contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Delhi Administration has reported the following vanancies:

Name of the Department	Name of Post	No. of vacancies
L.N.J.P. Hospital	Chowkidar	19
G.B. Pant Hospital	Chowkidar	12
Educatic-n Deptt	Chowkidar, Mail	16

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) G. B. Pant Hospital have sent the requisition to the Employment Exchange. In case of L.N.J.P. Hospital, names from the Employment Exchange have been re ceived on 25-1-1991.

The Education Department have taken steps for filling up 40 out of 72 posts of Chowkidars by interviews. The remaining 32 vacancies of Chowkidars and 46 vacancies of Malis are slotted to be filled up by regularisation of part-time employees and names from the Employment Exchange.

Expenditure incurred on inquiry into Bofors Gun deal

332. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the estimated expenditure incurred so far on inquiry into Bofors Gun deal by the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): The expenditure incurred so far on the inquiry investigation into the Bofors Gun Deal is indicated below:

Indian Rupees	Foreign Exchange	
11,43,932.24.	SEK	80,494,20
	USS	60,921.03
.	UK	197.50
Leband	■se	150.00
	SFR	51,374.20

The above excludes the expenditure incurred on hotel charges which was paid by the Indian Missions in the countries visited by the Officers, in connection with the inquiry|investigation into the Bofors Gun deal.

Swedish response in respect of investigation into Bofors Gun deal

333. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swedish authority has informed Government its reaction with regard to the requests for the assistance in the investigation into the alleged pay offs in the Bofors gun deal; and

(b) if not what steps Government intends to take with regard to this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LAIT1 VIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The matter is being pursued wit) the Swedish authorities by the **C.B.I.**

Low Proportion of Women Employees

334. **SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will** the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the feature entitled: 'Women workers being exploited' which, appeared in the 'Financial Express' dated the' 9th January' 1991, expressing concern on the very low proportion of women env-ployees *vis-a-vis* total employees in the State sector and a disproportionate concentration of these women in jobs requiring lesser skills.

(b) whether Government- have conducted any survey on the problems of women employees in the public sector to remove disincentives and whether there is any published data on the proportion on women employees serving in the public sector and their role descriptions; and

(c) if so, the reply to part (b) above be in the negative whether Government propose to carry out any special studies, including setting up of a committee to increase the number of women employees in the public sector and enrich their jobs content?